

Harrington,	Hamilton,	Shower,
Woolford,	Cooper,	Winters,
Touchstone,	Blake,	Crouse,
Owens,	Webb,	Merrick,
Richards,	Wilson, of B.city,	Gordy—53.

NEGATIVE—None.

Mr. Hardcastle, of Talbot, rose to a privileged question, and submitted the following remarks:

MR. SPEAKER:

I rise to a personal explanation, which it is due to myself as well as the House, should be made. One of the amendments by the Senate to the Militia bill, is to insert after the word "much," the word "thereof," in line 2, of section 27. I am satisfied that the word "thereof" was in the original bill as reported by me. I have a distinct recollection about it, and the discrepancy between the Senate and House bills, as printed, is in confirmation of the fact, as the printer knows I took pains to correct the proof of the House bill.

On examination of the bill in manuscript, I find the last sheet, on which section 27 is written, as well as the endorsement thereon of the title, is in a different handwriting from the original reported by me; and I believe, sir, that this sheet has been substituted for the original. I deem it proper to make this statement to the House, and to say that I am in no way responsible for the omission of a word, which, if it had not been corrected by the Senate, might have materially changed the amount of the appropriation. The Senate bill appropriates \$25,000, or as much as may be necessary." I repeat, sir, that I never reported any such bill to this House. Some one has changed the phraseology of section 27 of the bill reported by me, by rewriting the entire section and omitting the word "thereof," which is the qualifying word of the section.

Upon the conclusion whereof,

On motion of Mr. Webb,

It was ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter, and Messrs. Webb, White and Watkins were constituted said Committee.

The Secretary of the Senate returned the following bill, endorsed, "Passed by yeas and nays."

The bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Harford County Railroad Company, with proposed amendments.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

Section 8, line 12, amend by striking out all after the word "company."